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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN ACCESS TO AMAZON

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM SECRETARY
TO FOREIGN MINISTERS DE LA PUENTE AND AYALA. BOTH DATED
MARCH 27. ORIGINALS BEING POUCHED.

A. LETTER TO DE LA PUENTE. QUOTE

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

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OUR DISTINGUISHED ECUADOREAN COLLEAGUE CONCERNING
DISCUSSIONS OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE BORDER ISSUE
BETWEEN YOUR TWO COUNTRIES. I ALSO PARTICULARLY
APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION AND VIEWS WHICH YOU HAVE
PROVIDED TO AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMANN TO DESCRIBE AND
EXPLAIN THE POSITION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THIS LONG-

STANDING ISSUE, AS WELL AS THE PRESENTATIONS AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA RECENTLY MADE ON THIS SUBJECT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSHNELL, AND ROBERT PASTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

I REALIZE THE QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR ECUADOREAN COLLEAGUE ARE ESSENTIALLY BILATERAL IN NATURE, AND THE LOGICAL AND APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THEIR TREATMENT IS IN BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THAT OF ECUADOR. NEVERTHELESS, AS A MEMBER OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND AS A NATION WHICH HAS FRIENDLY TIES WITH BOTH NATIONS, WE SHARE WITH YOUR COUNTRY AN INTEREST IN SEEKING PEACEFUL AND AMICABLE SOLUTIONS TO WHATEVER PROBLEMS MIGHT ARISE IN REGIONAL RELATIONS. IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKDROP THAT I AM WRITING TO YOU AT THIS TIME.

IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER AYALA CAN AND WILL SOON CONTINUE YOUR DISCUSSIONS. WE HOPE THAT WITH GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOU CAN BE NARROWED, AND AN ACCOMMODATION CAN BE SOUGHT WHICH WOULD MEET BOTH PARTIES' ESSENTIAL NEEDS. BASED ON MY OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THE EVOLUTION OF SENSITIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, I KNOW THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO AVOID PUBLIC DECLARATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY SO IN A YEAR WHEN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS

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ARE UNDERWAY. BUT I HOPE YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT IT IS WORTH TRYING TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC DEBATE OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, IN THE INTEREST OF MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD AN AMICABLE SOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES.

AS PRESIDENT CARTER TOLD PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ LAST SEPTEMBER, WE HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THAT OF ECUADOR WILL CONTINUE YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION TO SUGGEST TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR. NEITHER ARE WE SUGGESTING THAT ANY OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT FROM YOUR TWO GOVERNMENTS BE EXCLUDED AB INITIO FROM YOUR DISCUSSIONS. IT SEEMS TO ME THERE IS MERIT IN EXPLORING THE WHOLE RANGE OF QUESTIONS, TO SEE WHETHER YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER AYALA CAN FIND SOME COMMON GROUND IN YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRY'S POSITIONS. I HOPE THAT WITH A SEARCHING AND CAREFUL ATTEMPT YOU CAN IN TIME FIND A SOLUTION TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR NEEDS AND THOSE OF ECUADOR.

I WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD LEAD TO SUITABLE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS

FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION. SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE, MY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TOWARD REQUESTS FOR MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF SUCH ENDEAVORS.

I AM WRITING TO OUR ECUADOREAN COLLEAGUE IN A SIMILAR VEIN, WITH THE HOPE THAT YOU BOTH WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR OWN EVALUATION OF THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN YOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER AYALA AND OF ANY STEPS OR MEASURES WHICH YOU ARE CONSIDERING TAKING TOWARD THAT END.

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CYRUS VANCE. UNQUOTE

B. LETTER TO AYALA. QUOTE

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CYRUS VANCE. UNQUOTE. COOPER

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